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## A SUFFRAGE TUG OF WAR.



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The Men's League for Women's Suffrage, by an overwhelming majority, have adopted an Anti-Government Policy.

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

### THE OUTLOOK.

Mr. Lloyd George received a deputation of Welsh suffragists at his house at Criccieth at 11 o'clock on Wednesday last. The deputation consisted of prominent women, including local representatives of the N.U.W.S.S., and Miss Barrett, representing the local W.S.P.U.

#### Points of the Interview.

We give on another page a special report of the interview, sent us by our special correspondent by telegram, from which it will be seen that Mr. Lloyd George adheres to his view that the Bill is not a democratic solution. "It will add hundreds of thousands of plural voters to the electorate," he says (how, he does not explain), "it will enfranchise mainly the class which is hostile to the reforms I have at heart."

he adds, ignoring the fact that 80 per cent. of the women enfranchised would be working women, and deliberately, as Mrs. Price White pointed out, placing party before principle. Pressed by Miss Barrett as to what action he would take in the event of his being satisfied that the Conciliation Bill presented the only form of woman suffrage which the House was likely to pass, Mr. Lloyd George admitted that in that case he would have to reconsider his position. But he gave no assurance of support for any concrete form of woman suffrage. We reserve further comments until next week, when we shall have had the opportunity of studying his remarks in greater detail.

#### The Men's League Policy.

The Men's League for Women's Suffrage are to be congratulated on their decision to adopt a definite anti-Government policy. Up to the present they have proceeded on the assumption that the enemy to Woman Suffrage was the Anti-Suffragist private member in the House of Commons, and their policy at elections has accordingly been in opposition to individuals; but the action of the Government in definitely refusing facilities for the Conciliation Bill has shown them now that an attack upon the Government is necessary. The new policy was adopted at a general meeting of members on Friday last, when the following resolution was carried by 187 votes to 51:—

That, in view of the refusal of the Prime Minister to grant facilities for Mr. Shackleton's Bill, this League decides to oppose the Government until a Woman Suffrage Bill be carried into law. And that, accordingly, the executive committee shall at by-elections oppose all official Government candidates; and at a General Election oppose all candidates except sitting Liberal members who have rendered effective support to the Conciliation Committee. We learn that in consequence Mr. Walter McLaren, M.P., has resigned from the Men's League and decided to work for Woman Suffrage through other channels.

#### The W.S.P.U. Campaign.

The special holiday campaigns of the W.S.P.U. have closed this week. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has held meetings in Heme Bay, Eastbourne and S. Leonards. Lady Constance Lytton has been speaking in Bath and Bristol and other meetings have been held elsewhere. With October will commence again the special weekly free meetings in London, on Monday at 3 in the Queen's Hall, and on Thursday at 8 in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, and in various districts all over the country the local organisers of the Union are getting vigorously to work with a view to an energetic campaign to work up for the Session of Parliament in November. Meanwhile Mrs. Pankhurst will be having a succession of meetings in Ireland. Interest is rapidly growing in the great Albert Hall meeting to be held on November 10 (directly before the opening of Parliament), and those intending to secure tickets should do so without delay.

#### The Paper-selling Competition.

The Paper-selling Competition, which closes to-day, has evoked considerable interest among members of the Union, and much valuable work has been done by interesting outsiders in the movement. One member of the W.S.P.U., who sends us a little account of some of her experiences, which we publish this week, has taken up her stand for several hours every evening outside the Japanese Exhibition and has made it a point of honour with herself never to sell less than nine dozen each week. In this way she has not only sold many papers, but has made many converts to the movement. We shall be pleased to hear from other sellers some account of their work. Competitors in Classes A and B are reminded that to-day (Friday) is the last day for sending

in order forms or poster promises; those in Class B, that all the papers sold must be paid for before October 7; and the local Unions and country campaigns competing in Classes C and D must send in all their returns for the months of July, August and September, before October 7.

#### Women and Statecraft.

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers this week a very interesting article by the Countess of Selborne, President of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, on the reasons which impel her, and those on whose behalf she is entitled to speak, to take active part in the campaign for Votes for Women. Foremost among her reasons Lady Selborne places the fact, which Anti-Suffragists will find it difficult to gainsay, that in the few instances where women have had the chance of political power they have used it remarkably well; they have exhibited in fact singular and marked gifts of statesmanship. Lady Selborne concludes by stating the position of her Association with regard to methods: they are not militants, they are not impatient, and they are willing to wait for success, but they think that what men promise they should perform, and that a pledge to support Women's Franchise is not discharged by voting for the second reading of a Bill and then stifling it in Committee.

#### Special Articles Next Week.

Next week we shall be able to publish a special article dealing with the Midwives Bill, by Mrs. Sidney Webb, whose work in connection with the Poor Law is so well known. Mrs. Webb shows conclusively how necessary it is for women to win the vote without delay, to prevent such serious errors in legislation. We shall also publish an article by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence on "The Undercurrent of the Woman's Movement." This article embodies the purport of a recent speech delivered at St. James's Hall, and has been written at the special request of several members of the audience, who have expressed their desire to circulate a large number of copies of the paper containing it among their friends.

#### Militant Methods.

A labour dispute in Berlin has led to much bloodshed and to several serious injuries. This is the way in which men frequently conduct a political or economic conflict, yet the women in this country who are fighting for a veritable revolution are blamed because rather than submit to defeat they have dared to persist in their action until overcome by superior physical force. It is noteworthy that according to the Press accounts of the strike riots in Berlin, women and children were placed in the front of the strikers, and great bravery and daring was exhibited by the women.

#### The Price of Progress.

The sad news of the death of M. Chavez, the plucky hero who was the first to fly the Alps, reminds us of the tremendous price which has been paid all down the ages by those who would extend the borders of human knowledge or widen the limits of human freedom. We are heirs to all those who have gone before, by all that they have borne and suffered we are enriched, and we too must be ready to make such sacrifices as are demanded of us for the sake of those who come after.

#### The Case of Lieut. Sutor.

Lieut. Sutor, undoubtedly guilty of a serious technical offence, has escaped with a reprimand, presumably because it is thought that there are times when it may be praiseworthy to disobey orders and to break regulations. We commend the judgment in this case to the attention of those who have adopted a very different method in dealing with the women who are fighting the battle of progress.

#### Married Women and Income Tax.

In a letter which, owing to the limitations of space, we are unfortunately unable to publish, Mrs. Ayres Purdie calls our attention to the illegal attempts frequently made by Somerset House to charge a married woman direct with income tax or super tax. So long as the law remains in its present condition the incomes of husband and wife are for the purposes of income tax reckoned together and held to be the property of one person, namely, the husband. This law we regard as thoroughly bad and requiring alteration; it works out in many ways to the disadvantage of the wife, but so long as it exists every attempt to obtain income tax or super tax by direct application to the wife is illegal and should be resisted.

#### Items of Interest.

The Cantonal Council of Zurich has passed the second reading of a Bill which will enable women to exercise the franchise in the same manner as men and will remove all disabilities from their holding public offices.

Mrs. Bacon acts as Captain of the "Yo-Ho" Motor Boat on a 670 miles trip in the race organised by the New York Motor Club to Bermuda.

Twenty members of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps are arranging to march from London to Scotland and back. They will take full hospital equipment and attend to their own horses and waggons.

In recognition of her splendid work as a farm fire to which she cycled, and at which she worked for 12 hours, a little girl—Miss D. Lawrence Smith—has been presented by the Hurstpierpoint Fire Brigade with a silver flower vase.

Mrs. Williamson has been chosen as a candidate for Congress for Colorado. She has had very wide experience in public work, and in addition to holding the position of State Factory Inspector she was recently selected by the women of Dexter as their representative on the Board of County Commissioners. If elected Mrs. Williamson will be the first woman representative in Congress.

## LIFE ON A DAIRY FARM.

Dairywork has always been specially in the hands of women, but it is not often that the entire business arrangements, i.e., the control of the farm and delivery of the milk are completely under women's guidance.

Such a farm, managed entirely by a woman farmer, is that at Checkenden, a charming village on the Berkshire hills, eight miles from Reading. From "cowman" to house-keeper the staff are all women, the only exception at present being the chauffeur who drives the motor on the milk round.

The business includes two rounds daily: the horse-round in the village itself, and a motor-round in a much larger village a few miles away. The motor, it may be mentioned, is an Alldays and Omous make, with solid tyres specially designed for the work required of it. The advantage, on a long round, of a motor over a horse-driven cart, is obvious, as much time is saved and punctual delivery all the year is ensured.

The cowsheds, milking room and stables, are built round a central yard, and their cleanliness, ventilation and drainage are such as would satisfy the most critical inspector. Usually about a dozen cows, some of them pure Guernseys, are in milk, and as milk as well as eggs are supplied to the farm by several villagers who have a little land of their own, the farm helps to provide a market for the small holders of the neighbourhood.

#### The Day's Work.

The staff and pupils (of whom one or two are taken) are astir early, i.e., at 4.30 or 5 o'clock. The milking is finished by 6 a.m., and then the motor starts on its morning round, the horse-cart leaving about an hour later, after breakfast. Housework is simplified by each one taking charge of the work of her own room, so that the drudgery does not fall upon one pair of shoulders. Town-dwellers will envy the "farmers" their out-of-door life, for even meals are served

on the farm when the prisoner returned will be readily imagined.

It need only be added that life on such a farm as this is not only a very free and healthy one, but a very pleasant one. Perhaps the pleasantest time of all is the hay season, when long, hot days are spent raking and cocking, pitching,



On the Farm.

loading, and carting home the hay. How hungry one gets! And how well one sleeps after it!

Women are proving every day, on a farm like this, that they possess both physical strength and good business capacity, and yet the member for the district has an idea that women are physically unfitted for the vote!

#### IN MEMORIAM.

A great soul has gone over to the other side by the death, at the age of seventy-seven, of Elizabeth Harcourt Mitchell (of Llanfrechfa Grange) the aunt of the Hon. C. S. Rolls. The suffrage movement has lost a life-long supporter and the W.S.P.U. a convinced and earnest member. Brought up in a very Conservative family, a member of the English Church Union, Mrs. Mitchell was too spiritually minded for the spirit of the women's movement to fail to enlist her deepest sympathy. She joined all the earlier suffrage societies, and did all she could by writing and speaking to further the cause by constitutional methods. When the first unjust sentences on our militant women attracted attention and stirred the hearts of all suffragists, her logical mind at once grasped the astuteness of the W.S.P.U. policy, and she said, "This is the society for me." The sufferings of our women in prison and from forcible feeding afforded her the deepest pain, robbing her of rest by night and filling her mind by day.

She was a graceful writer and a clever water-colour artist, and exhibited only last winter in the Society of Women Artists. Her great abilities made her a natural leader, and she served as Poor Law guardian and as district councillor.

The terrible death of her much-loved nephew was a grievous shock to her, and she has only survived him two short months.

The hearts of all who knew her go out to the aged partner of her life, now eighty-six years of age, but so spiritual a union as theirs has been and is must be indestructible by time or death.

E. M. E. P.

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in the open air nearly all the year round, a verandah making this possible even in rainy weather.

The dairywork itself consists of milking, separating, butter-making, and the making of cream cheeses and "Devonshire cream." Needless to say, churns and cans are beautifully clean and bright, and the dairy is, as all dairies should be, spotless. Then there are pigs and poultry to attend to, and the kitchen garden to keep in order, in addition to work on the land connected with the hay and root crop. Roots and chaff are cut by hand, and water has to be pumped from a neighbouring field. Cleaning the cowhouses and stables and preparing food for the cattle is, as may well be imagined, a good morning's work; this is done on returning from the Checkenden round.

#### Farmers as Suffragettes.

Readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN will not be surprised to learn that all the workers on this up-to-date farm, including the principal, Miss Lelacheur, are keen Suffragettes, and that the chauffeur is an active member of the Men's League. Whenever it can be arranged, the "farm-hands" come up to London for the Suffrage demonstrations and processions, and they are always ready to act as stewards at the meetings in Reading. A splendid little meeting was held recently at the Checkenden Schools, when the speaker was Miss Margesson, the Reading W.S.P.U. Organiser.

Even the motor van is a missionary for the Suffrage cause, for by means of posters it advertises the paper VOTES FOR WOMEN, and makes known the great demonstrations. The "milk lady," who always wears her badge, delivers copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN with the milk to an increasing number of customers. The result is that the whole neighbourhood is alive to the question.

Those familiar with the history of the militant movement will remember how on February 13, 1908, one of the Checkenden staff came up to London and took part in a deputation to the House of Commons. Early next day a telegram arrived at the farm to say that she was "unavoidably detained"; she had been arrested, and was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment. To the other women on the farm as they went about their daily work, free and in the sunshine, the thought of what women were going through for the sake of enfranchisement was ever present during those long six weeks. That it was a great day of rejoicing

# REASONS WHY WE WISH FOR THE VOTE.

By The COUNTESS OF SELBORNE,

President of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association.

The reason that has always seemed to me the best of all reasons for giving women the vote is that when they have had political power they have used it well.

There are people who talk of granting the franchise to women as a dangerous experiment, as something which might set the Constitution rocking. I could never understand why women, as voters, should be more dangerous than as queens, and women have been queens, regents, administrators often, since the dawn of history, and their record in these capacities is a singularly good one. I think that the conception most people form of "women's sphere" is a very good instance of the tendency of the human mind to fit facts to theories instead of shaping theories to facts.

No one thinks that music or poetry or painting are unfeminine occupations. The most narrow-minded opponent of Woman's Suffrage would quite approve of any woman occupying herself in artistic pursuits. Yet, as a matter of fact, women are very inferior to men in artistic capacity. I do not know the reason, or pretend to account for it, but no woman has become a first-rate artist in either music or painting, and very few have attained a second-rate position. And yet there has been practically no impediment to women devoting themselves to art for the last three centuries, and a considerable number have done so. Compare their achievements with those of women in the world of politics. Here there are several who are invariably reckoned in the front rank of statesmanship. And yet the number who have had any opportunity of showing their capacity is incomparably fewer, practically only women of royal birth, who happened to be destitute of brothers, or who, when left widows, succeeded their husbands.

I think it is reasonable to deduce from that that women have a much greater natural capacity for statecraft than they have for art. Let us look at the colonies where this dangerous experiment has been tried. New Zealand has had Woman's Suffrage for many years now, and no one can say it is not a prosperous State. It is acknowledged to have sound finances, a pure Civil Service, and a large Imperial outlook.

Having convinced ourselves that there is no danger to the State in giving women the vote, the reasons why they should have it remain without an answer.

They should have it because in a democratic form of government unrepresented interests are perforce neglected.

They should have it because trade unions, anxious to keep up their own wages, do not stop to consider the hardship they are inflicting on the women whom they are ready to deprive of their only means of livelihood.

They should have it because it will educate them and make them think.

They should have it because they pay taxes, and therefore should be consulted about the spending of the national income.

They should have it because there are many laws which apply mainly or only to them, and they are the proper people to say whether these laws are satisfactory or not.

They should have it because they are the guardians of family life, the mothers of children.

We appeal to all women to think over these points, and if they come to the conclusion that it is for the public advantage that their sex should no longer be disfranchised, that they should exert themselves to convince men, that they wish the disability to be removed. Thousands and thousands of men think that women do not want the vote, and they get that impression from the women among whom they live. Many women are uninterested in public affairs, diffident of their own judgment, fearful lest they should interfere in matters which are outside their province.

These women are silent but very numerous, and it is these women we must convert if we are to get the driving force that is necessary to get an Act of Parliament passed. It has been truly said if the women of England demanded the vote the men would make no difficulty in giving it them. We are not militants. We do not want to scare or worry people into agreeing with us. We have made up our own minds what we think right, and we intend to press that view by all lawful and reasonable methods. Among these methods we may reckon using such political power and influence as we already possess. We are not impatient and we are willing to wait for success. But we think that what men promise they should perform, and a pledge to support women's franchise is not discharged by voting for the second reading of a Bill and then stifling it in Committee.

## SELLING THE PAPER.

The paper-selling competition is over, and now, looking back over the happy hours spent side by side with the kindly street hawker, many and curious are the memories that flash like a cinematograph before my mind.

Outside the Japan-British Exhibition thousands of people passed me every evening. One after the other there passed suffrage friends from all parts of the world with words of good cheer and indignant "antis" with unworthy arguments and imaginary bogies! Well did I enjoy meeting a personal friend and follower of Mr. Belfort Bax, who, with great authority, informed me that women were "unfitted by nature for the vote." I asked him if he had ever heard of women who are mothers, and so have rendered invaluable service to their country, being compelled to work from 5.30 in the morning to 11.30 at night for 7s. per week? Did he think these women would find putting a cross on a ballot paper once in every four or five years such a tremendous exertion that it would be beyond their physical endurance? "Well," he replied, "the Suffragettes ought to have the vote, because they know what they are talking about, but certainly not the other women."

But he bought the paper, and I ventured to suggest that he might help to teach "the other women" the importance and necessity of the vote.

It was a curious feeling, that of being the first Suffra-

gette many of these people had ever seen—of being surrounded by half a dozen sympathetic faces eager to see and hear because they had read of the cruel imprisonments and forcible feeding. Here are a few passing impressions:—

Here is a Norwegian M.P. who is most enthusiastic about our work, and tells me how much they value the woman's vote in Norway. He is amazed that this country should lag behind in such a necessary reform.

Here is a gentleman who has just returned from South Africa; he has met the Suffragettes there and is very keen to have VOTES FOR WOMEN. And here are the friends from Italy, who take me into their home for a cup of tea and a rest. And, again, there is the flower-seller who gives me a beautiful little bunch of flowers in the colours—purple, white, and green—and the kindly match vendor, who, with intelligence and living interest, helps the cause in every way possible to him.

So many are the kind deeds and words generously given to the VOTES FOR WOMEN paperseller that I wish I had time to mention all; yet, though that is impossible, they will never be forgotten.

And so our paper goes on its way, spreading the truth and uniting in service those who live for a fuller and more just life.

E. T. A.

"E.T.A." tells us that she made up her mind at the beginning of the summer to sell nine dozen copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN weekly, mostly outside the Exhibition. In spite of difficulties she has stuck to her post, and carried out her intention. On one day alone last week she sold as many as six dozen copies.

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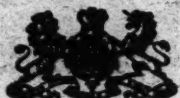
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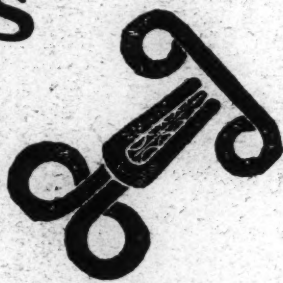
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## FEMALE SUFFRAGE IN ITALY.

In a recent issue of the *Morning Post* the Rome correspondent of the paper contributed an interesting article on the position of the woman's movement in Italy. After discussing the attitude of the Socialist party, which, he says, is opposed to woman suffrage on party grounds, he proceeds to say that women's rights have made some considerable headway in Italy. He proceeds:—

"Of course, Italian women, as a whole, have neither the desire, the need, nor, as yet, the equipment for the franchise possessed by so many of their British sisters. Their circumstances are totally different. In Italy there is no marked disparity, such as exists in Great Britain, between the numbers of the male and those of the female population. The marriage age, although it has risen considerably of late years in the northern provinces, is still low as a rule, so that it is not difficult for the Italian woman, unless she have no dowry, to enter what to her is the only profession—matrimony. But as Italy has become more of an industrial and commercial State—a transformation still insufficiently appreciated abroad—more and more women have entered shops and obtained secretarial posts, while quite a number of Italian novelists—Matilde Serao, Grazia Deledda, Ada Negri, Clelia Pellicano, 'Sfinge,' and Carolina D'Invernizio, for example—are ladies. In journalism, although women are less frequently met than on the Press of other countries, Matilde Serao is found editing a newspaper at Naples, while in Rome a leading journal has one lady as secretary and another as correspondent abroad. The telephones, now the property of the State, are entirely worked by women, who are not allowed to marry, and are therefore always known as *le Signorine*. The case of these women is particularly hard, because they are overworked, poorly paid, and exposed to incivility from irate subscribers, as well as to temptations of a serious kind. Then there is the large class of ladies engaged in teaching, the *professoresses*, who have furnished one or two of the leaders to the women's movement, mostly officered by salary-earners. Thus it will be seen that already there is a considerable section of Italian women who have other professions besides the management of their homes, and not a few who have no homes to manage. In other words, Italy on a much smaller scale is beginning to present the familiar phenomenon of other economic and industrial States.

### Sympathetic Statesmen.

"There has been nothing melodramatic or sensational about the agitation conducted by the Italian women of this kind. They have not, indeed, had any need to resort to the methods of the militant 'suffragettes' in England, because they have found the leading Italian statesmen sympathetic, and because their demands have been modest. Signor Giolitti, a past-master in the art of receiving deputations, consented to see the ladies at the Home Office when he was last in place—he is always in power whoever else may be in office—and his fair petitioners professed themselves, as everyone always does, contented with his suave replies. But the chief Italian public man did more than make neat answers; he granted a Commission to inquire into the status of women in the eye of the law. He pointed out in the Chamber of Deputies that, in his opinion, the women of the southern provinces were not yet ready for the suffrage, but he made no objection to the discussion of the subject. His two successors in the Premiership—Baron Sidney Sonnino, and, still more, Signor Luzzatti—are in favour of women's rights in principle, and the latter, before he became Premier, championed their cause in the Chamber.

### Municipal Franchise likely to come first.

"Several less important deputies hold similar views. Up to the present, however, the object of the most experienced among the female leaders has been the recognition of women's right to vote for Chambers of Commerce in cases where they are engaged in trade and at municipal elections. These points will doubtless be conceded; indeed, so prominent a municipal statesman as the Mayor of Rome lately expressed his hope that ere long women would vote, as they have already in rare cases canvassed electors, in municipal contests. Nay, further, one or two dubious judicial decisions have already held that there is nothing in the Constitution of 1848 to prevent a woman from voting in Parliamentary contests. But it is generally felt that so important a departure must not be left to the philological interpretations of lawyers, but must be undertaken by the Legislature with set purpose. It will be long, however, before any such law passes the Italian Legislature. For the majority of Italian women appear to be contented with their somewhat Oriental lot, while the average Italian man holds with regard to womenkind much the same opinions that obtained in old-fashioned circles at the time of the Roman Empire."

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Heinrich Heine's Memoirs." Edited by Gustav Karpoles. London: William Heinemann. 2 vols. 12s. net.  
"Mating Marriage and the Status of Woman." By James Corin. London: The Walter Scott Publishing Co., Ltd. 2s. 6d. net.  
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## A HOLIDAY IN NORWAY.

By the Hon. Mrs. Riverfield.

Although the greater part of our holiday was spent far from the cities, and the voices we heard were chiefly those of rushing waterfalls, we met a few people now and again with whom we discussed Votes for Women.

A fairly typical attitude in Norway towards the right of women to exercise the franchise was expressed by a Norwegian friend, who, pointing to her mother—a lady of about eighty—said: "My mother's generation thought it terrible that women should want the vote. I, on the other hand, think it quite right that we should have it, although I take little interest in politics. My daughter there will use her vote when she is grown up, and will not understand how it was women did not always have it."

A Japanese observer, writing to the *Morning Post* the other day on the situation underlying the Englishwoman's demand for the vote, expressed the opinion that there was less companionship between men and women in England than in any country with which he was acquainted. One notices at once how much more companionable men and women are in Norway; they all join in discussions together on all sorts of questions. A woman's opinion is treated with precisely the same deference as that given to a man. In many occupations the men and the women work together.

We found the people, as a whole, delightful, simple, extremely kind and hospitable; they are nicer in secluded places than in popular tourists' resorts, and are much pleased if one can talk Norwegian. If one asks for milk at a farm they never want to be paid. They take an interest in the stranger, but it is a polite, not a curious interest. Children—whom one sees in swarms—are taught manners, evidently; they never stare or make rude remarks. As for the national honesty, I can vouch for the absolute truth of the story of the visitor who asked a Norwegian if his box would be safe if left by the roadside till his return. The Norwegian looked up at the sky and answered: "Oh, yes; I don't think it is going to rain!"

One evening, at a friend's house, we were discussing the advisability of going a certain route over the mountains without a guide. The way was difficult to find, etc. I said, "Well, we mean to go alone and must find the way." On this a gentleman present remarked, "They must be 'stemret kvinder'" (literally, "vote women"), and we laughed. They thought we were "vote women" more than ever when our chauffeur covered herself with glory by swimming across a big lake, a feat which everyone had said beforehand was impossible, as the water would be too cold.

If you want really to enjoy a holiday in Norway it is essential to know a little of the language—and it is very easy to learn a little—as otherwise you have to keep entirely to the beaten track. From a scenic point of view, it is fine enough, but you don't get to know anything of the people. At the farms it is not customary for the host and hostess to sit down with the guests. They wait on them, chatting and laughing all the time, and when the feast is finished they carry off the fragments and have their own meal in the kitchen. One of their most attractive traits is their kindness to animals. The foals let you caress them and poke their soft little noses into your hand; sheep and cattle don't rush away frightened, and all the seven weeks I was in Norway I never saw an animal otherwise than happy and well cared for.

A thing that struck me very much was the land settlement. I wished we could have people on the land here in the same way. Every little patch possible is cultivated, and I know of no more pleasing sight than a well-populated Norwegian valley, its mountain sides dotted with homesteads, each owned by a peasant who is getting the utmost out of his patch of land—land on which he and his wife have reared a fine, robust family, as well as stock and crops.

The younger generation emigrate in immense numbers to America, where they save money to return for a visit, and often eventually for good, and buy the land on which they were born. It is quite usual to meet people speaking English with a strong American accent who have come back with their children to see relatives on the farms, and very out of place these sophisticated American-Norwegians seem amongst the simple peasants.

The abiding impression left by a country like Norway is how far happier these small lands are without the great problems of the older nations, without rich speculators and large land-owners. "Ma coupe n'est pas grande, mais je bois dans ma coupe."

## OUR POST BOX.

To the Editor of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—For some time past I have been asking, as opportunity occurred, the following question, but have not as yet received an intelligible reply. If you will permit me to put the question in connection with what is called "The Conciliation Bill," perhaps a man who lives the double life, or one of those described by Smith Minor as "Vieux Baton dans la Boue" may enlighten my darkness. The question is: If the Parliamentary franchise is given to women, what harm can, by any possibility, result to any respectable man? I put an analogous question in respect to the municipal franchise for women in South Australia more than forty years ago.—Yours, etc. H. B. T. Strangways.

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**THE POLICY OF ACTION.**

Last week we urged that all Suffragists should constitute themselves an independent political force, and should oppose the Government at elections. Current events are giving evidence of the effect which such a force can produce upon the action of the political parties. The trade unionists, being, as they believe, deprived of the effective exercise of the right to elect and maintain Labour Members of Parliament, have made the alteration of this state of affairs their main political object. Their agitation is, it is said, developing into an anti-Government campaign. A Labour deputation will shortly wait upon the Prime Minister in order to demand the reversal of the Osborne judgment, and if his reply is not satisfactory, then, so we are told by a Labour correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*, a formal declaration of war against the Government will at once be made, the Parliamentary party being instructed to use every means in their power to bring about the defeat of the Government. The threat of Labour opposition to the Government at the next Election is also made by the *Labour Leader* in very uncompromising terms.

This display of independent and aggressive spirit is perturbing both Liberal and Unionist Parties. In the hope of pacifying the Labour Party, Liberals are proposing the State payment of Members, and, reluctant as they are to grant the whole Labour demand for the reversal of the Osborne judgment, they evidently think that Labour pressure may make even that concession inevitable. Payment of Members is also advocated in influential Unionist quarters. The proposal has the support of Mr. F. E. Smith, who confesses in the most naive manner that he is a reluctant convert to this view, but contemplates with the gravest anxiety the prospect of a blunt *non possumus* in Unionist circles with regard to the matter.

The unenfranchised women of the country will, of course, have something to say upon the plan of compelling them to pay for the election and maintenance of Members whom they have no share in electing, but the present purpose of calling attention to this point is to show how strong an influence Suffragists can exert by means of the anti-Government policy. This influence will of course be much strengthened by the decision of the Men's League for Women's Suffrage to oppose the Government.

In the discussion of election methods, we have been dealing simply with political mechanics. A consideration of the other branch of militancy takes us on to another and a higher plane. Here it becomes a question of expressing, through action, the human aspiration towards freedom. The militant movement in this aspect is not a complaint, nor an appeal even, but the assertion of a right and the breaking of old bonds. Apart from and above any question of its success in obtaining a change in the law, we have the conviction that this outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual revolt against subjection frees, strengthens, and purifies the women who give this sign, and through them, womanhood as a whole. To those who talk of objecting to violence, we say what of Joan of Arc, of Boadicea, of Garibaldi, of George Washington and many another man and woman who have fought

for causes dear to them! Did not they lay their hands to work that but for duty they would gladly have left undone!

Another question we would put to our critics. By what great and majestic deeds, free from all faintest trace of violence, free from anything which is petty or undignified, has human liberty ever been won? War and rebellion are not beautiful or dignified or great, but are sordid and unlovely when looked at apart from the spirit which calls them into being. Cramped as we human beings are by the limitations which the life of this world imposes upon us, our acts will always be the rude, the warped, the incomplete expression of that which we have within us. This, as we know, is what makes the grief of the artist—the deed falling so pitifully short of the impulse that sends it forth—yet he goes on expressing as best he may what he sees and knows to be the truth. And rebels and warriors, too, must use such rough and ready means as are to hand in order to mould external affairs according to the vision which has been given to them.

These thoughts and the example of others who have marched before them along the same path, make the Suffragettes immune from the effects of destructive criticism, and give them an absolute faith in the rightness of past militancy and the militancy which may be to come. "Show us better methods," they say, "and we will use them. Until you do, we go forward with our present methods, which are the best we have been able to devise."

After all, this condemnation of Suffragette methods is in the main thoughtless and irresponsible. There are very few people who really think that militancy is under all circumstances reprehensible, but society has a bad habit of scolding women without rhyme or reason, and the Suffragettes are blamed for acts which, if they were done by men for the sake of political freedom, would be applauded to the echo.

Certainly, none of the nation's acknowledged political leaders and teachers have ever taught the ignoble lesson that when liberty is at stake, and all other means of achieving it have failed, law and order may not be defied. John Bright laid it down that "however much we may wish a political question to be settled by moral means, yet it is no more immoral for the people to use force in the last resort for the obtaining and securing of freedom than it is for the Government by force to suppress and deny that freedom."

Gladstone, speaking during the Reform agitation in 1884, denied that it was the duty of Ministers, or of anybody else, to go to the people of the country when they are confronted by formidable obstacles to their freedom, and to tell them merely to "love order and hate violence." He continued:—

"It is certainly one's duty to advise people to love order and hate violence, but am I to say nothing else, am I to make no appeals to them, am I never to remind them of the dignity and force which attach to the well-considered resolutions of a great nation? Are we to cast aside all the natural, legitimate and powerful weapons of our warfare? I would go to all lengths to avoid violence, but while I eschew violence, I will not adopt that effeminate method of speech which is to hide from the people of this country the encouragement they may derive from the recollection of the great qualities of their forefathers and from the knowledge that they possess them still."

And he continued in never-to-be-forgotten words:—"I am sorry to say that if no advice had ever been addressed in political crises to the people of this country except to remember to hate violence and love order and exercise patience, the liberties of this country would never have been attained."

And these declarations have their echo in the utterances of Statesmen who are still living. Members of the present Government have on several occasions expressed their admiration for men who have resisted authority in the cause of political liberty. We find, also, that Mr. Balfour speaking of the resistance offered by the people of Ulster to Gladstone's scheme of Home Rule, said:—

"I do not preach any doctrine of passive obedience or non-resistance. You have had to fight for your liberties before, I pray God you may never have to fight for them again. I admit that the tyranny of majorities may be as bad as the tyranny of kings, and that the stupidity of majorities may be even greater than the stupidity of kings, and I will not say, and I do not think any rational or sober man will say, that what is justifiable against a tyrannical king may not, under certain circumstances, be justifiable against a tyrannical majority."

This principle of political action laid down by men so eminent and so responsible, weighs more with the Suffragettes who are fighting for their rights under the Constitution than the small-minded and nagging complaints of those who would have us bound by rules of conduct which, applicable as they may be to the everyday circumstances of life, have no relation to great emergencies and great crises in human affairs.

**Christabel Pankhurst.**

# DEPUTATION OF WELSH WOMEN RECEIVED BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

On Wednesday last, at 11 o'clock, Mr. Lloyd George received, at his house at Crickieth, N. Wales, a deputation of Welsh women representing the Woman Suffrage Societies of his constituency, who desired to urge upon him the importance of supporting the Conciliation Bill. Among those who had applied for the interview were Evelyn Lamport the President, Dorothea Pughe Jones and Mary F. Rathbone, Vice-Presidents of the Bangor Branch of the N.U.W.S.S., (Miss Rathbone being also the daughter of the late M.P. for Carnarvon), Rachel Barrett, the local organiser for the Women's Social and Political Union; Mary Roberts, the sister of Judge Bryn Roberts; Annie Mary Davies, daughter of one of the late Welsh Liberal M.P.'s; Louisa Rees, Hon. Secretary, of the Carnarvon branch of the N.U.W.S.S.; R. O. Hartley, Hon. Secretary of the Bangor Branch; Mrs. Henry Lewis, and other women prominently connected with Welsh Liberalism.

An interesting feature of the discussion was the question put by Miss Barrett as to the attitude of Mr. Lloyd George towards a limited measure of woman's suffrage provided it could be shown that a larger measure could not be carried through the House.

## REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

CRICKIETH, September 28.

Miss Lamport, who introduced the deputation, said that dissatisfaction had been caused by Mr. Lloyd George's Bodnant speech in which he said that other things were more urgent than the Conciliation Bill. The women whom he saw to-day thought the Bill was urgent because of the precarious position of women in the industrial world. Women were now absolutely at the mercy of men who might be prevented from dealing intelligently with principles and details involved.

Miss Barrett, the local Organiser of the W.S.P.U., said that in forty years of agitation they had learnt a great deal, and this Bill was drawn to meet the objections which had been raised. She presumed that Mr. Lloyd George's reason for voting against it on the second reading was that he did not consider it a democratic Bill, because it was not capable of amendment. She pointed out, however, that the Conciliation Committee had offered that if the Government would give time to consider the whole question this session they were willing to alter the title of the Bill so as to give an opportunity of amendment.

Mr. Lloyd George (interrupting) said they could not do that without withdrawing the Bill, and asked whether what Miss Barrett said would apply to the reintroduction of the Bill next session.

Miss Barrett answered that she could not say that. Continuing, she pointed out that under the present state of affairs not one woman had the power to affect legislation. This Bill would extend the vote to a million women and was easier to carry than any other.

Mr. Lloyd George said that the Prime Minister was prepared to give facilities for a democratic measure.

Miss Barrett said the Conciliation Committee's Bill was democratic.

Mr. Lloyd George: "Well, he does not agree." Why on earth, he continued, women had not given that pledge a fair chance he did not know, but all the reward Ministers had had, so far, for fighting the cause of women was abuse and insult.

Answering another question by Miss Barrett, Mr. Lloyd George said he would not consider any Bill democratic which would not place women on a practical equality with men. Miss Barrett said that the question was, what did women want and what did the House of Commons want. Their Bill was carried through its second reading by a large majority, but was prevented by the Government from going further.

Mr. Lloyd George said that members of the House of Commons practically refused facilities by their second vote, keeping the Bill in Committee of the whole House. If the House really wanted to consider the Bill, the Government could not prevent it. The Government were the creatures of the House.

Miss Barrett: "Then why, if you are the creatures of the House, did you refuse facilities as soon as the House voted by a large majority for the Bill?" Women, she proceeded, demanded facilities for a Woman Suffrage Bill on the ground that the agitation had extended over fifty years, and in the last five years had grown to great dimensions. It could not be for lack of time, because in the present session the House had risen time after time at eight, so that the Government had more time than they wanted. She thought they were right in saying that the Government were opposed to it, and the women's attitude was abundantly justified.

Mrs. Price White said she spoke as a Liberal woman, and had always understood that the basic principle of Liberalism was that taxation and representation should go together. She had always believed that Liberals stood for Justice, Freedom, and Progress. These were the aims of every woman Suffragist. Liberal women would fall short of their duties if they did not urge an early settlement of this question.

### Mr. Lloyd George's Reply.

Mr. Lloyd George said that he considered that the House of Commons ought to have an opportunity of suggesting

alternatives to the Conciliation Bill. If the House rejected those alternatives then men like himself who were in favour of Women's Suffrage would have to face the problem whether they preferred limited franchise to nothing. That problem had never been put to him yet. If this Bill had gone to Committee, and they had attempted to get amendments, and found that the House would not carry any Bill except a limited one, then they would have to consider carefully whether it would not be better to take the instalment rather than sacrifice Woman Suffrage altogether. His objection was that the Conciliation Bill never gave that opportunity. He was not satisfied that they could not carry an extended Bill. At any rate, he was entitled to ask for an opportunity to test the House on it. It was not merely with reluctance, but with pain that he voted against the Bill, and he asked them to believe he was perfectly genuine in that.

Miss Barrett asked whether if an amendment to extend the Bill was lost Mr. Lloyd George would support the Bill as it stood.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that he was of opinion they could carry such an amendment. If he had found that a more extended franchise was not likely to get sufficient support to become law, he would have to consider whether it was not his duty as a believer in the principle of Woman Suffrage to vote for the best Bill he could get. It had been suggested that he was ready to compromise on other subjects. He was in favour of that if he could not get a perfect Bill; but he fought for the best. (Miss Barrett: The best as you define it.) Mr. Lloyd George, proceeding, said he had not the faintest doubt that the Conciliation Bill would increase the plural voters by hundreds of thousands. He was strongly in favour of Woman Suffrage, although he had thought women exaggerated not the power but the effect of the vote. They assumed that the moment women had the vote all their wrongs would disappear. He agreed with Mr. Balfour that that would not be the effect for a very long time. His experience was that the more men stood in need of the protection of the vote the less effectively did they use it. That, however, was not an argument for depriving women of the vote. He could not see any argument why women should not have as much right as men to share in the government of the country. Laws often affected women more intimately than men. He had been told that because he voted against this Bill he was guilty of insincerity. That was not a question that could be argued, he was only responsible to his own conscience for that. What he could he would do to promote Woman Suffrage. All the influence he possessed he would exert for it, but it was not the only cause to which he was committed; he said frankly it was not the cause he had nearest at heart. They who devoted their lives to it thought it the greatest cause in the world; if they did not they could not work with zeal and enthusiasm, but to him it was one of several problems. He was fighting in his own way the battle of the poor and the oppressed, and when he was faced with a Bill like the Conciliation Bill he had to ask what would be the hindrance to the cause he had at heart. He looked at the question with great anxiety to vote for the Bill, and came to the conclusion that if the Bill were carried it would be a hindrance to the cause he was most concerned about. He thought it was picking and choosing of women at random. All the women whose class in the main were from his point of view reactionary would be enfranchised, while the vast majority of women belonging to the classes from which he expected support for measures of reform would be excluded from the suffrage.

Mrs. Price White: "May I take it, then, you put the advantage of the Liberal party before principle?"

Mr. Lloyd George said he preferred the phrase the advantages of the cause he had at heart. He cared far less for the Liberal party than for the cause of the people. Where was the principle of the Conciliation Bill? His principle was the placing of women on an equality with men, but that was not the principle of the Conciliation Bill. It was not a principle but a compromise. He was not prepared to sacrifice the causes he had at heart for a compromise.

Mrs. Yale: "We all have those causes at heart, and want a voice in them."

Mr. Lloyd George said Mrs. Yale and Mrs. Price White would not have a voice under this Bill. That was a good sample of the defects of the measure. The question of time was one for the Prime Minister, but he pointed out they had undertaken a great conflict with the House of Lords. Nothing would be more fatal than to start another question of equal magnitude side by side. Surely it was better to take one controversy first. Their point of view might be all right for them, because they were only interested in one question.

Mrs. Yale: "How can you ask us to be concerned in others?"

Mr. Lloyd George said he did not blame them, but they must not blame him for thinking the other was the more urgent issue.

### ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

According to another account received by special wire, Miss Lamport directed the particular attention of the Chancellor to such measures as the 'Midwives' Bill, which were being passed without any chance of a proper opinion of women being given.

Mrs. Price White described the feeling of Liberal women who had worked for Liberals at the last election on the assumption that this question was bound up with Liberal principles. Miss Barrett quoted figures to prove that the Conciliation Bill would not principally enfranchise propertied women nor increase plural voting and challenged Mr. Lloyd George to prove the contrary. Mr. Lloyd George, however, adhered to his view that the Bill was undemocratic, admitting, however, that the new amendment (by which husbands and wives cannot both be registered in the same constituency) will considerably reduce plural voting.

## W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

IN OCTOBER.

(A complete list of meetings for the week ending Friday, October 7, will be found on p.p. 845-6.)

**Monday, 3.**—Queen's Hall, London, the Earl of Lytton, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., 3 p.m.; Mrs. Pankhurst at the City Hall, Cork.

**Tuesday, 4.**—Mrs. Pankhurst at Rathmine's Skating Rink, Dublin; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at King's Hall, Ilkley.

**Wednesday, 5.**—Mrs. Pankhurst at Dundalk; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Midland Hotel, Bradford.

**Thursday, 6.**—Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., Miss Evelyn Sharp, 8 p.m.; Mrs. Pankhurst at Belfast; Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence at Southport.

**Friday, 7.**—Poster Parade, 156, Charing Cross Road, London, 11 a.m.; Speakers' Class, 4, Clements Inn, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 7.45 p.m.; Mrs. Pankhurst at Derry.

**Monday, 10.**—Queen's Hall, London, Dr. E. W. Kirby, of Birmingham, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, 13.**—Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, 8 p.m., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst at Folkestone.

**Friday, 14.**—Poster Parade, 156, Charing Cross Road, London, 11 a.m.

**Saturday, 15.**—Miss Christabel Pankhurst at Press Club Dinner, Criterion.

**Monday, 17.**—Queen's Hall, London, Lady Stout, Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, 18.**—Mrs. Pankhurst at Birkenhead; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at Leicester.

**Wednesday, 19.**—Mrs. Pankhurst at New Brighton.

**Thursday, 20.**—Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence at Bath.

**Friday, 21.**—Mrs. Pankhurst at Newport; Miss Christabel Pankhurst in the Public Hall, West Norwood; Poster Parade, 156, Charing Cross Road, London, 11 a.m.

### IN NOVEMBER.

**Thursday, 10.**—Great Meeting, Albert Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets should be secured at once, as they are selling very rapidly. Numbered and reserved tickets may be purchased by members only from the Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Prices as follows: Amphitheatre Stalls, 2s.; Arena, 1s.; Upper Orchestra, 6d.; Grand Tier Boxes (holding 10), 30s.; Loggia (holding eight), 21s.; 2nd Tier Boxes (holding five), 12s. 6d. The local W.S.P.U.'s have been given the first opportunity of taking up the Grand Tier Boxes.

### A Correction.

Owing to an error a meeting was announced in last week's issue to take place at Chigwell. The meeting referred to is a private invitation meeting in London, arranged by Lady Sybil Smith, and we regret that it was wrongly announced.

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## MRS. PANKHURST IN IRELAND.

The time for Mrs. Pankhurst's visit is drawing very near. On Monday, October 3, the first meeting will be held in Cork. There is still much to be done in the way of letting friends and acquaintances in out-of-the-way places know. Every friend and sympathiser is asked to give every available minute to advertising the meetings in different cities. The Press is giving good notices of the meetings, and everywhere keen interest is being shown. Helpers and sympathisers are urged to come forward in large numbers and volunteer to sell tickets, offer hospitality, help with sale of literature, stewarding at meetings, chalking, bill-distributing, and advertising of different kinds. In Cork, names should be sent to Miss Day, Myrtle Hill House; Dublin, Miss Shannon, B.A., Irish Women's Franchise League, Antient Concert Buildings; Dundalk, Mrs. Crosslé, Roden Place; and Derry, Miss Gamble, Elagh Hall. Preliminary meetings have been held in Cork and Derry, and the local Press gave good reports. Everywhere the harvest is ripe, but the labourers are few. Women must throw aside their easy way of thinking of these questions, and come out and work. *Sinn Féin a thu!*

The following is a list of meetings:—

Cork	Monday, October 3
Dublin	Tuesday, " 4
Dundalk	Wednesday, " 5
Belfast	Thursday, " 6
Derry	Friday, " 7

### "CORK FREE PRESS."

This city has hitherto not been honoured with visit from a leading advocate of the Suffragette cause, but the reproach will be removed next week, when Mrs. Pankhurst will address a public meeting in the City Hall. If it were only by reason of the personality of the speaker, who is one of the most prominent workers on behalf of the Women's Social and Political Union in England, and who has been identified with the movement since it became a living force in politics, Mrs. Pankhurst should be the recipient of an attentive hearing. We have too much confidence in the gallantry of the citizens of Cork to doubt that it will be a most respectful one.

## MRS. PANKHURST'S HIGHLAND TOUR.

Mrs. Pankhurst's final meeting was at Dornoch, on Sept. 19. Miss Una Dugdale thus reports: "Thanks to the magnificent work of the Misses Gibson not a soul for miles round Dornoch was unaware of Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting. The hall was crowded to overflowing with residents and visitors. Some, evidently had come to scoff, but were finally deeply impressed by the speaker and the speech. We were very lucky in getting the Provost of this 'Royal borough' as chairman. He made a delightful speech. The platform was converted into a veritable bower of palms, plants, and purple and white flowers, and the base of the platform was festooned in purple, white and green. All these plants and flowers were lent and given by kind friends. We wish most especially to thank Mrs. Mackay and the gentlemen who stewarded for their great help."

A correspondent says: Mrs. Pankhurst spoke for almost an hour and a half to an interested and attentive audience who felt they were getting an altogether new light on the Women's Question from that which they had been accustomed to get from the daily papers. A few questions were asked but not of any great importance. Mrs. Pankhurst having evidently replied to all possible queries in her clear and exhaustive exposition of the meaning of this movement. One lady remarked to a friend "I think Mrs. Pankhurst has cleared up many misconceptions about this woman question," and the reply was, "I know Mrs. Pankhurst has cleared up many misconceptions about herself." I had no idea she would be like that. And certainly the word "unwomanly" could never apply to the fine specimen of womanhood who stood before us that evening pleading so earnestly for man's humanity to woman.

### A Press Comment.

Not all Wick and his wife, but all, or nearly all, the wives of Wick assembled in the Rifle Hall on Friday night to hear and see—the renowned leader of the militant suffragettes on her first visit to these northern latitudes. A few of the ladies' husbands were there, too, but for the most part they kept discreetly in the background. There was no doubt, however, about the interest in the meeting. Just a week before the men held a gathering in the same hall to discuss the question of Tariff Reform, and there was no comparison either in the numbers who attended the two meetings or in the concern which was shown in the matter on hand. Mrs. Pankhurst's voice is clear and resonant, and her enunciation distinct and delightful to listen to. There is nothing of the "Shrieking Sisterhood" about her. It was a cultured speech set off with apt illustration and elegant diction. —From the *Northern Ensign*.

### PASSING THE RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence addressed a meeting at Herne Bay on Wednesday in last week, when the resolution printed on this page was carried without a single dissentient. The *Herne Bay Press*, which gives a verbatim report of two and a half columns of the speech, says:—"Those who were not present missed the opportunity of hearing a very telling speech from Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, one of the leaders of the Votes for Women movement, a cultured lady with charming manners, possessing the rare gift of eloquence."

The resolution was carried with only three dissentients at a public meeting in the Town Hall at Eastbourne, addressed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Mansell Moullin on Friday last.

## A HOLIDAY EPISODE.

Place: Highland Wilds; 40 miles from a town.  
Time: One evening last week.  
Scene: Suffragette sitting on a gate, darned stockings and looking at the sunset.

Approach Burly Stranger with fierce collic dog. Suffragette's first impulse is to fly, but the Modern Spirit says "Stop," so she retains her pensive, industrious attitude; answers "Good Evening," with a smile, to the Burly Stranger's greeting, and "Good dog!" to the collic's.

B. S.: Beautiful day it's been the day!  
Suff. (echoing): Very beautiful.

B. S. (after some conversation about the country and the collic): Ye're here on holiday, I suppose?  
Suff.: Yes.

B. S.: So am I. I'm a policeman. I've got sixteen days off duty.

Suff. (interested): Oh, really?

B. S. (proudly): Yes. I was ten years in the Metropolitan Force in London; now I'm Inspector at X.

Suff.: Do you know any of the Suffragettes there?

B. S. (excitedly, looking with comprehending eyes at Suff.'s purple, white and green tie): Are you a Suffragette?

Suff.: I am.

B. S. (holding out his hand and grasping hers with enthusiasm): That's fine! Fancy meeting a Suffragette up here! Know them? I should just think I do. We've had some grand ones in X, and hold them in the greatest admiration. Miss Y. Z. (she can talk!) and Mrs. W. (just as plucky a little thing as ye'd iver meet, and the one who came doon frae the roof and asked questions o' the Cabinet Minister! To this day we canna tell how she iver got up there! (Rather sadly.) I had to apprehend several at one time, but they told me they'd no grudge against me for doing it. Oh, I ken it's the Government ye're fighting. Ye're doing it recht finely too, and ye'll get yer vote no ither way.

The sun sets, and with another handshake the Burly Stranger departs, leaving his card and the parting words: "If iver ye come Suffragetting X—way, jest call up Inspector O—way, and he'll do what he can for ye."

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## TESTIMONIAL TO MRS. ELMY.

Mrs. Martindale reports that the fund has reached £133 11s. 9d. The following extracts from some of the letters she has received typify the eagerness with which subscribers are contributing to do honour to this veteran fighter for women's freedom.

"I shall be much obliged if you will kindly add my contribution (P.O. enclosed) to the fund testifying to appreciation of Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy's long work promoting the emancipation of women.—(Mrs.) DORA F. KERR."

"I was a member of the Women's Emancipation Union from 1886 till it came to an end, and have much suggestive help to thank Mrs. Elmy for in my former work as teacher, although personally I had no intercourse with her. My admiration and grateful appreciation of her noble work for us women, and for the children and the whole race therefore, is unbounded; my friend and I are happy to have the opportunity to give it this little expression directly as well as having, we believe, given expression to it in our happy work as teachers. Kindly permit me to add also our thanks to you for receiving the donations, and furthering the opportunity so welcome to us all.—MARGARET BOOTH SCOTT."

Other contributors are Miss Rosa Morrison, A. E. E. Colby, and M. Colby, in memory of Harriett McIlquham.

Contributions should be sent to Mrs. Martindale, Horsted Keynes, Sussex, without delay.

### SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Election Mistress—Miss Rosa Leo, 14, Ashworth Mansions, High Avenue, W.

The first autumn class was held last Friday evening, under the direction of Miss Rosa Leo. Miss Christabel Pankhurst was present, and in spite of a not unusual nervousness on the part of the speakers, they all showed real Suffragette pluck, and rose splendidly to the occasion, each one dealing as fully as she was able with the Conciliation Bill from her own point of view. At the conclusion of the speeches Miss Pankhurst gave a few words of encouragement and advice. Members are particularly asked to be punctual. The subject for to-night's class is: "The Abuse which it is hoped the Vote will remove." Miss Evelyn Sharp has kindly promised to be present. On the following Friday, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be present.

### RULES.

1. Members of the Union only are eligible.
  2. The class is held at 4, Clements Inn, Room 72, every Friday, at 7.45 p.m. sharp.
  3. Entrance fee 3d. weekly; proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
  4. Members are limited to ten classes, which must run consecutively, and it must be clearly understood that these classes are open to intending speakers only.
- By kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton the private classes are now held at 41, Norfolk Square, Hyde Park, on Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m., and Saturdays at 4 p.m. Terms one guinea, payable in advance, for a course of ten lessons. Members desirous of joining should send in their names at once to Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, High Avenue, W.

### A CORRECTION.

Mrs. Taylor asks us to correct an error in her article, "The Making of a Militant Suffragist," in last week's *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. The collection of signatures to the Special Appeal took under six months, not two months.

There is one thing better than peace, and that is honour. War is bad; but there is one thing worse than war, and that is an accepted subjection. We are not going to choose peace with dishonour, and having come to the conviction that this thing is right, we are going to fight till victory comes. —Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE at Herne Bay.

## REPORTS FROM ORGANISERS.

The following is the resolution which has been put and passed at so many meetings all over the country, and it is suggested that speakers make use of it at all future meetings, and have a copy sent to their Member of Parliament and to the Prime Minister:—

### RESOLUTION.

"That this Meeting declares its support of the Woman Suffrage Bill, which has passed its second reading by 110 votes—a majority larger than that accorded to the Government's Vet. Resolutions."

"The Meeting further calls upon the Government to bow to the will of the people as expressed by their elected representatives in the House of Commons, and to provide the facilities necessary to enable the Bill to pass into law before the end of this year."

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Mrs. Knight asks members to call at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C., to inspect some new fancy boxes of various sizes, in the colours. They can be filled with sweets and buns, and are suitable for Christmas presents. As the order must be given shortly, members should make a point of calling at once to avoid disappointment.

To-day (Friday) the first Poster Parade will start from the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C., at 11 a.m. It is hardly necessary to urge on members how important it is that this, the first parade of the autumn's work, should be a large one. Many new members have joined during the summer months, and it is hoped that they will come forward and remember what women have done and suffered in the past, will do their share. If not free on Friday morning, some may have a few spare hours during the rest of the week. Paper-sellers are wanted, new pitches are being started. This work, surely, will not be left to a few! Let everyone come forward and give a certain time weekly, so that nobody need feel the strain too great. Volunteers are also wanted for paper selling at theatre queues. Names should be sent to Miss Almsworth, Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

The speakers' class meets to-night (Friday). Particular attention will be given to the Conciliation Bill. Miss Hambling will be glad to hear from members who will stand at the Albert Hall meeting on November 10. Names should be sent to her at 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

### BATTERSEA AND CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Halsey, 43, Cambridge Mansions.

Two meetings are now being held every Sunday afternoon on Clapham Common and in the Park respectively. Will members make it a point of honour to be present at one of these, as there is work waiting for everybody? Clapham members rendered splendid service in the Park and Miss Blacklock's speech was listened to with great interest. O. Clapham Common Miss Bell made a good speech as Chair. Mr. Key Kenyon was the speaker.

### CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Mafford, 54, Barry Road, East Dulwich.

At a large meeting held on Peckham Rye on Sunday afternoon, the resolution calling on the Government to

pass the Conciliation Bill into law this session was passed by an overwhelming majority, with only eight dissentients. Local members requiring tickets for the box at the Albert Hall meeting should apply to the Secretary. As the rooms in Church Street have been given up, future meetings will be held in Hansler Road Hall. Particulars in next week's issue. Volunteers are wanted for paper-selling outside the local stations on Saturday mornings. Will members willing to take their turn please write to Miss Warwick, Ivydale, Surrey Road, Peckham Rye?

### CHELSEA AND KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—208, King's Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haig and Miss Barry.

Help is wanted from those willing to speak and act as "chair" at open-air meetings, also volunteers to sell the paper. The Jumble Sale will be held about the middle of October, and the secretaries will be very glad if all friends will forward their gifts for this as soon as possible. Grateful thanks to those who have already sent parcels.

### CROYDON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. A. Camber, 24, Sutton Court Road.

The arrangements for the dramatic performance by the Actress Franchise League will be kept in the advertisement page 848. Tickets should be obtained early, as the hall is not very large. These can be had from the ticket secretary, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, or from local members. Miss Hensman has been successful in obtaining the services of a very attractive cast, and a crowded house is expected.

### CROYDON.

Office—3, Station Buildings, West Croydon.

Tel. Croydon 244. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 72, Mayfield Road, Wanders, Surrey.

The shop, with several fresh novelties for sale, is now open for the usual hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Articles for the November Jumble Sale are greatly wanted. Will members remember that nothing comes amiss? Household articles, as well as old clothing, are welcome. The shop secretary will arrange to have anything fetched, if she is notified to that effect. Tickets for the Albert Hall meeting on November 10 can be obtained from the shop. Members should apply at once. A great number of helpers will be needed for the demonstration on Duggan Hill on October 8. Those willing to help on that day, and also members with bicycles who will take part in the cycle parade arranged for to-morrow, Saturday, at 11.30 a.m., and on Friday, October 7, should send in their names at once. Chalking must be done every day next week, not only in Croydon, but in Norwood, Thornton Heath, Norbury, Streatham, Wellington, Carshalton, Sutton, and Purley. Who will come forward for this?

### FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hensley, 52, High Street, East Ham.

A drawing-room meeting was held at 329, High Street, on the 21st, when Mrs. Kenyon gave a most interesting address and gained several sympathisers. A large crowd gathered at Robert Road and listened to the addresses of Mrs. Ballock and Miss Wingrove. Mrs. Friedlaender has kindly promised her drawing-room for a meeting shortly. Will other ladies do likewise?

## LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

September.			
Friday, 30	Brocknock Road, Boston Corner	Miss Bonwick	7.30 p.m.
" "	Castford, Tram Terminus	Miss Wylie	7.30 p.m.
" "	156, Charing Cross Road	Poster Parade	11 a.m.
" "	Chelsea, Limerston Street	Miss Ganning	8 p.m.
" "	4, Clements Inn	Speakers' Class, Miss Evelyn Sharp	8 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss L. Hall	7.45 p.m.
" "	East Ham, outside the Cook Hotel	Mrs. Ballock	8 p.m.
" "	Karl's Court, 17, Trebovir Road	Drawing-room Meeting, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield. Hostess: Mrs. Danberry Statford	8 p.m.
" "	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales (outside)	Mrs. Kenyon	8 p.m.
" "	Sydenham, 59, West Hill	Drawing-room Meeting, Lady Constance Lytton. Miss Ada McKeechule	8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, Broadway	Members' Rally	4 p.m.
October.			
Saturday, 1	Chalkwell, Fire Station	The Misses Coombs	8 p.m.
" "	Cricklewood, Richborough Road	Miss Wright, Miss Wilson	7.30 p.m.
" "	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss N. Lightman; Chair: Mr. W. Hammond	7.30 p.m.
" "	Hendon, The Bell	Mrs. Eshley	7.30 p.m.
" "	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss G. Brackenbury; Chair: Miss Bain	8 p.m.
" "	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Nurse Pittfield, Miss Richards	7.30 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Victoria Road	Members' Rally	4.30 to 7 p.m.
" "	Lowisham, Shop	Miss Jacobs	7.30 p.m.
" "	Thornton Heath, Grange Road	Miss Ganning	8 p.m.
" "	West Hendon	Miss L. Tyson	8 p.m.
Sunday, 2	Battersea Park	Miss N. Lightman; Chair: Miss Redman	8 p.m.
" "	Brockwell Park	Miss Wylie	11.30 a.m.
" "	Clapham Common	Mrs. L. Kenyon; Chair: Miss Bertha Brewster	8 p.m.
" "	Hampstead, Jack Straw's Castle	Miss G. Brackenbury; Chair: Miss Cuskerley	7 p.m.
" "	Hyde Park	Victor Duval, Esq.; Chair: Mrs. Bouvier	3.30 p.m.
" "	Islington, Newington Green	Mrs. Dawson	3.15 p.m.
" "	Lowisham, Hilly Fields	Mrs. O'Brien-Walton	3.30 p.m.
" "	Peckham Rye	Miss M. Atkinson, M.A.	3 p.m.
" "	Pulseys Heath	Miss Emily Davidson and others	1.30 p.m.
" "	Streatham Common	Miss Peck	1.30 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common	Lord Lytton, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B.	8 to 6 p.m.
Monday, 3	Child's Hill, The Green	Miss G. Richard	8.45 p.m.
" "	Kensal Rise, Harriet Road	Miss L. Hall	8 p.m.
" "	Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.	Miss Atkinson, Miss Burton	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 4	Bermonsey, Congregational Church, Roul Road	At Home, Dr. Helen Boucher	8 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Red Lion	Mrs. Kenyon	8.15 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Victoria Road	Miss Bonwick	7.30 p.m.
" "	100, Hammersmith Road, W.	Lecture on Elizabeth Fry, Miss Harriett Pecker	8 p.m.
" "	Paddington, 50, Prad Street	At Home, Mrs. Adair Roberts	8 p.m.
" "	Putney	Miss C. Hopkins	8 p.m.
" "	Streatham Hall, 57, Downton Avenue	Drawing-room Meeting, Mrs. Cecil Chapman	4 p.m.
Wednesday, 5	Frogna, Oakhill Lodge	Mrs. Brailford	7.30 p.m.
" "	Islington, Highbury Corner	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B.	8 p.m.
" "	Kensington, 116, Oakwood Court	Miss Evelyn Sharp	8 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.
" "	Lowisham, Lee Green	Miss Atkinson	8 p.m.
" "	Memorial Hall, Farringdon St.	Miss D. Gibbs	8 p.m.
Thursday, 6	256, Charing Cross Road, Poster Parade	Miss H. Ogden	8 p.m.
" "	4, Clements Inn, Speakers' Class	Mrs. Lorraine Yates; Chair: Mrs. Lonsdale	3.30 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katharine Street		
" "	Peckham, Manor Park Road		
" "	Horsey Road, Seven Sisters Road		
" "	Stanford, The Grove		
" "	Thornton Heath Clock		
" "	Washbourne Park Institute Debating Society, 61, Forester Road, W.		
" "	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, Broadway		

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156, Charing Cross Road, W., Poster Parade every Friday, 11 a.m.

### GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Billinghurst.  
Office—7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.

By the time this goes to press the Committee will have met, and, as far as possible, formed plans for the Autumn Campaign up to November 15. For list of meetings see Programme. On Tuesday evening last, Miss Graham and Mrs. Leigh addressed a large and sympathetic audience in the Broadway, Deptford. Will members attend our meetings as often as possible for paper-selling? Volunteers are also wanted to sell outside Broadway Theatre on Friday and Saturday evenings.

### HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—88, Heath Street.  
Organising Sec.—Miss M. Rowlett.

Members will be sorry to hear that owing to lack of time Mrs. Weaver has had to resign the Secretaryship. A very successful meeting was held on Sunday, at which Miss McClelland spoke and a good collection was taken. Members wishing to secure seats in the Albert Hall box should apply at once as there are only a few tickets left. Thanks to Mrs. McGrath, who has very kindly given some pegs for the shop, and also 4s. towards expenses. Members and friends are reminded that there is a lending library in the shop. Helpers for paper-selling, chalking, &c., are still needed. Mrs. Adair Roberts has kindly lent her drawing-room for a meeting on Wednesday, October 5, at 3 p.m.

### HENDON.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Noble, Derby Lodge.

The Autumn Campaign opened with the first weekly meeting last Saturday evening. On Thursday, October 27, Lady Constance Lytton has kindly promised to address a meeting in Central Hendon. The largest hall has been booked, and members are looked to to help in making the meeting a success. The subject of "Votes for Women" is continually before the Hendon public.

### ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. C. Haslam, 65, Cranbrook Road.

A good meeting was held at Manor Park on Wednesday, the questions asked showing serious thought and interest. Miss Bonwick's splendid speech on Saturday gathered an exceptionally large crowd, and the resolution calling on the Government to grant facilities for the Bill was carried amid cheers. The entire stock of papers was sold out, and a good collection taken.

### ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley, 37, Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, N.

The banner for Queen's Hall is now ready. Who will volunteer to represent the Union on Monday afternoon? Three excellent meetings have been held this week, and there is every prospect that this autumn will be a busy one. Meetings for the present will be held at Highbury Corner (East Islington) on Wednesday evenings, and at Packington Street (South Islington) and Copenhagen Street (West Islington) on alternate Saturdays. There will also be a meeting every Sunday at Newington Green, at 7 p.m. Will anyone volunteer to sell papers in Upper Street once a week? Friday or Saturday is the best time, and evening work is most valuable.

### KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 2118 Western. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. E. Eames, 7, Wrentham Avenue, Wilsden, and Miss Morrison, B.A.

The first Autumn At Home will be held at 116, Oakwood Court (by kind permission of Mrs. Charles Kerr), on Wednesday, October 5, at 4 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Cecil Chapman. Members should do their best to bring unconverted friends. The secretaries will be glad of more volunteers for paper-selling, as there are vacancies on both High Street and Westbourne Grove pitches. Parcels for the forthcoming Jumble Sale should be sent to Mrs. Denbys, 34, Higin Crescent, W.

### LAMBETH.

Organising Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Drenstead Road, Streatham.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 25, Acacia Grove, Dulwich.

The first lecture on "Great English Women" will be addressed by Miss Harriet Packer, the subject being Elizabeth Fry, Tuesday next, October 4, at 8 p.m. A few tickets yet remain unsold. Members must please see to it that there is not a single empty chair on the night. Sunday meetings on Streatham Common and in Brockwell Park will continue until October 16. A meeting will be held in the Public Hall, Wandsworth, on October 21, at 8 p.m. Tickets: 1s., 6d., and 3d. Please come and help to make the meeting a success.

### LEWISHAM.

Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham. Shop hours: 2 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 23, Mount Pleasant Road.

Thanks to all members and friends, who in various ways contributed to the success of the General Meeting, on Friday, September 23. Miss Deima Moore won the hearts of everyone present by her charming little speech on comradeship and esprit de corps, and by her impressive rendering of Mr. L. Hoosman's "Woman this and woman that." The musical items provided by some of the members and friends were also much appreciated by the audience. The collection amounted to over 22s., and a brisk trade was done in literature, sweets, and tickets for the Parish Hall Meeting of October 18, when Lady C. Lytton and Mr. Brailsford will speak, and Mrs. Hiscot will take the chair. Less than three weeks remain to work up this meeting, and every member is asked to do her utmost to push the sale of tickets, price 1s. and 6d. Those willing to act as stewards are requested to send in their names to Mrs. McKenzie at the shop. Large and sympathetic crowds were addressed by Mrs. Leigh and Miss C. D. Townsend in the Market Place, on Wednesday, and by Miss Nancy Lightman and Mrs. Leigh, on Hilary Fields, on Sunday. Thanks to Mrs. Llewellyn for 2s. and to Mrs. Marshall Hall for becoming a regular contributor to the shop-rent fund. Parcels for the Jumble Sale will be most welcome. Tickets (3s.) for the Albert Hall on November 10 are now on sale. Members should apply at once.

### NORTH ISLINGTON (LATE HORNSEY).

Hon. Secs.—Miss Clara Browne, 11, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate, and Miss Jackson, 48, Langdon Park Road, Highgate.

The new pitch at the corner of Hornsey Road promises to be a good one. Miss Bonwick held a splendid meeting there on Friday last, when a very large crowd collected and great interest was shown. A good meeting was also held at St. John's Park on Saturday, when Miss Jacobs was the speaker. Members will regret to hear that circumstances have compelled both Miss Jackson and Miss Newstead to give up work for the present. Miss Gadsby of 13, Albert Road, Tufnell Park, has very kindly undertaken Miss Jackson's duties as literature secretary, and a volunteer to fill Miss Newstead's post is wanted.

### N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—215, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1183 Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 12, Nicoll Road, Wilsden.

Many good outdoor meetings have been held and resolutions calling upon the Government to grant facilities for the passage of the Conciliation Bill through all its stages have been passed almost unanimously. A splendid response has been made to the request for helpers in the shop, but help for immediate clerical work would be greatly valued. The rooms above the shop are now all let. Will members please keep the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 9, free? Contributions are gratefully acknowledged from Mr. G. Fern Gaskell, 240; Mrs. and the Misses Hyams, 12s.; Miss Llewellyn, 5s.; Mrs. Petre, 5s.; Mrs. Penn

Gaskell, 5s.; Miss Henry, 1s.; Mrs. Oregan, 1s., and from the Hendon W.S.P.U. for August, 24 15s., and for September, 23. Paper-sellers are much needed.

### PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—40, Prad Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Hon. Mrs. Haverfield.

Members and workers are returning to London, so everybody will soon be active in this district. Hearty thanks to all those who have kept the shop open, helped at open-air meetings, and sold the paper during holiday weeks. Attention is drawn to the meetings to be held to-day (Friday), and Tuesday, October 4; see programme. A small charge of 3d. is made for tea at members' meeting. Thanks to Miss Talek, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Danbery Stratford for their kind contributions of furniture for the shop. Chairs are still badly needed, also cups and saucers and teapots (two sizes).

### PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Shop—305, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss Guitan, 57, Paines's Green, S.W., and Mrs. M. Roberts.

A very good meeting was held at Walham Green on Tuesday, Mr. Penn Gaskell being the speaker, and Miss C. Sidney Wolf in the chair. Several questions were asked and much interest shown; also on Sunday, when Miss Gilliat spoke, Mrs. Keeling in the chair. Paper-sellers are asked to come to the shop at 6.45 p.m. on Fridays. If unable to do so, follow the example of two members who, having a couple of hours to spare on Saturday afternoon, called at the shop for a poster and a dozen papers; each returned sold out. Another, unable to help at the shop for the next five weeks, has sent herself an extra 6d. a week towards shop rent. Jumble-sale articles are coming in well, but additions to the stock in hand will still be welcome.

### RICHMOND AND Kew.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Glengariff, New Road, Richmond.

Arrangements are being made for another series of public meetings in a local hall. Members and friends are asked to read VOTES FOR WOMEN for future announcements. If unable to be present at the members' meeting this week, members are asked to let the secretary know how many tickets they require for the Royal Albert Hall meeting in November. Donations towards the expenses of the winter work will be gratefully welcomed.

### SYDENHAM AND FOREST HILL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss A. M. Pollard, Marshwood, 6, Burg-hill Road, Sydenham.

Will any ladies offer their drawing-rooms for meetings?

### WIMBLEDON.

Shop: 6, Victoria Crescent, Broadway. Tel. 1023. P.O. Wimbledon.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Lorisignol, 27, Merton Hall Road. Members are reminded that the weekly At Homes begin on October 7, at 3.30 p.m., with the first of a series of addresses by Mrs. Lamartine Yates, entitled "Fiction," Mrs. Lorisignol in the chair. Volunteers for stewarding, also two members who will go out with sandwich boards half-an-hour before every meeting, are badly needed. The sale of embroidered frocks and other goods will begin on the same day, Oct. 7. Married members are specially invited to inspect these. The date for the Jumble Sale will be announced shortly. Members are urged to volunteer for bill distributing, also to say how many jumble goods they have already collected. Paper-sellers are still badly wanted. Will someone volunteer to follow the good example of Mrs. Tansaway, a Birmingham member staying in Wimbledon for a week, who, in twenty minutes, sold one dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN to various shops? Tickets, 2s., 1s., and 6d., for the Albert Hall meeting on Nov. 10 on sale at the shop. Members should apply at once.

### Home Counties.

#### BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Young, "Berbice," Sea Road, Bexhill.

The work is going on steadily, and the house-to-house canvass has brought to light many sympathisers. It is hoped to hold a meeting early next month. Particulars later.

#### BOURNEMOUTH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Gwenllian Lewis, 221, Old Christchurch Road, Lansdowne, Bournemouth. Hours: 11-1 and 2.30-5.

Successful meetings have been held during the past ten days, Mrs. Leigh speaking at Swanage, East Cliff, West Cliff, Pokesdown, and Springbourne. Each meeting was attended by a large crowd. Two large meetings were also held at Maderia Road, Upper Parkstone, and a third at Victoria Road, Upper Parkstone. Two nights later a crowded meeting was held in the same place, Maderia Road. At the close the resolution calling upon the Government to give facilities for the passage into law of the Conciliation Bill was passed by a large majority. On October 22, Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak at St. Peter's Hall, at 8 o'clock. Tickets can be obtained at the office, or at the door. Will friends make this known as widely as possible.

#### BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—5, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 5883 (Nat.).

#### Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.

On Friday, at the Town Hall, Eastbourne gave a hearty reception to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Mansell Moulin. The resolution calling upon the Government to give facilities for the third reading of the Conciliation Bill passed with only three dissentients. A large number of VOTES FOR WOMEN and other literature were sold and a good collection taken. Thanks to the Misses Jones, Burnham, and all those who helped to make the meeting such a success. Mrs. Chibnall has kindly lent a large shop which was opened on Saturday and looks very pretty decorated in Purple, White and Green. Miss Bowman organised a very effective parade in the morning to advertise the meeting, the local paper giving a good notice. In Brighton workers are busily preparing for a meeting in the Royal Pavilion, when Lady Constance Lytton is to speak. Will all the members rally round to make this meeting, the first of the autumn campaign, a great success?

#### CANTERBURY AND EAST KENT.

Office—2, York Terrace, Ramsgate. Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's beautiful and impressive speech at Hove Ray Town Hall on September 21 resulted in the carrying unanimously of the resolution calling upon the Government to give facilities for the carrying into law of the Conciliation Bill. The next day Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence visited the W.S.P.U. office at Ramsgate, which has been fitted up almost entirely by the generous gifts of members and friends. Meetings will shortly be arranged in Ramsgate and Margate for Mrs. Lawrence, to whose coming Thameside members have long been looking forward. Many thanks to Miss Aldridge, who has just left Hove Ray, for her valuable help during her stay there. The gallant little band of Folkestone members are doing their utmost to make Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting (on her political birthday) a brilliant success, and Dover will extend as hearty a welcome to Mrs. Pankhurst. Miss Key, "Trevanar," Bouverie Road, West, Folkestone, is kindly acting as temporary local secretary; Miss M. Key is superintending the stewards; while the ticket secretary is Miss A. Worsfold, 45, Bouverie Road, West. Will all those wishing for box tickets for the Albert Hall meeting on November 10 kindly write to the organiser, 2, York Terrace, Ramsgate, immediately.

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#### KNEBWORTH.

Organiser: Lady Constance Lytton, Knebworth.

Wednesday, Oct. 5.—Knebworth, Lady Constance Lytton, Mr. Arthur Chapman, Miss Douglas Smith, 7.30 p.m.

#### RAYLEIGH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage.

The chief work this week has been paper selling in Southend. Thanks to Mrs. Walker of Wragley, L. n. colnshire, who gave up part of her holiday to the work, nearly 100 copies were disposed of in three days. If workers would come forward in Southend a great deal could be done in this way, as the people seem eager to buy. Will those who were not present at the business meeting last Tuesday write to the Secretary, as a great many helpers are wanted to carry out the plans suggested?

#### ROCHESTER AND CHATHAM.

Organiser: Miss Laura Ainsworth, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Everything must be done in the few remaining days to ensure that the first public meeting in this district is a success. Helpers are wanted for canvassing, stewarding, bill distributing, and paper selling. The open-air meetings have been very encouraging, the speakers being everywhere listened to with interest. Will other friends come forward and follow Miss Gundry's example, and act as chairman? Subscriptions towards campaign expenses are badly needed. It is hoped that all who feel the urgency of this question will send in their share. Remember what the women have already done. New friends must make up now for lost time.

Friday, Sept. 30.—Outside Town Hall, Chatham, 7.30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3.—Outside Livingstone Arms, Gillingham, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4.—Chatham, Town Hall, Lady Constance Lytton and others; Chair: Mrs. Alfred Parkman (P.W.L.A.), 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6.—Gravesend, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7.—Gravesend, 7.30 p.m.

### The Midlands.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—35, Paradise Street. Tel. 1443 Midland.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans.

In preparation for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in the Town Hall on November 15, members are asked to communicate either with the district captain or the organiser, and to do all they can to help in the work. Will other members volunteer to hold working parties

in their homes to promote the work for the Northern Suffrage Exhibition Stall? The organiser will be glad to know what amount of work members are likely to send in, so that she may know what to count on. Funds are urgently needed to cover the expenses of moving into new premises.

Friday, Sept. 30.—Queen's College, Miss Gladie, Keovil, Mrs. Brailsford, 3 and 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7.—Queen's College, Dr. Marion MacKenzie, Miss Midgeley, 3 and 8 p.m.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.

Tel. 1718 Leicester.

Organisers.—Miss D. Pethick and Miss D. A. Bowker.

The Speakers' Class will be held every first Friday at the Shop. All members are invited to attend, a second attendance, however, to be conditional on a resolve to attempt to speak. Will members turn up in numbers to support the meetings? Mrs. Brailsford's visit has been very much appreciated by all. New members joined. Tickets for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting, Oct. 18 (1s. and 3s.) are now on sale.

Tuesday, Oct. 4.—Sunday School Memorial Hall, New Walk, Dr. Marion Mackenzie; Chair, Mrs. Tyler, 4 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6.—Market Square, Open-air Meeting, Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7.—Shop, Members' Meeting, 8 p.m.

#### MARKET HARBOROUGH.

Hon. Sec.: Miss K. Jerwood, Little Bowdian Rectory, Market Harborough.

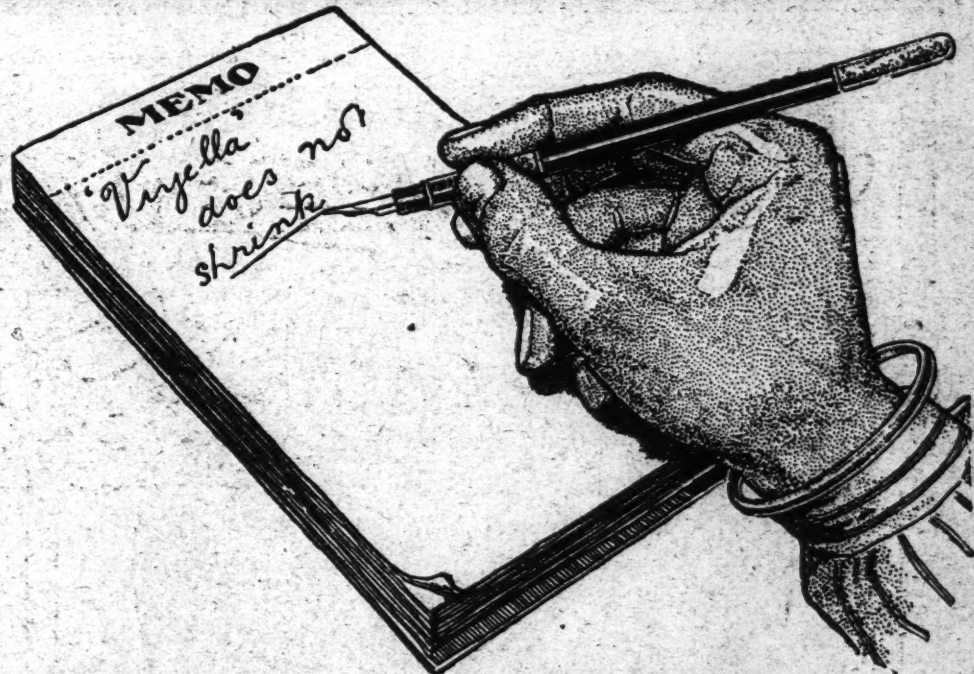
On Monday was held the first of a series of At Homes, and it was well attended, owing to the splendid work of Miss Jerwood, Miss Logan and others, who got up the meeting. Mrs. Brailsford spoke and broke down much prejudice, and new members were made.

#### NOTTINGHAM.

Office—8, Carlton Street. Tel. 3511.

Organisers—Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts.

This week the record for street paper selling has been broken. Thanks to Miss Wallis, Mrs. Evans, Miss Lickling and Miss Hardy. The pitch must be kept permanently going. Who will volunteer to take a turn? A whistle drive will be held at Rooms 75 and 76 Mechanics' Institute on Monday October 17, at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be had from Mrs. Shaw, 445, Mansfield Road, price 1s. 6d. Promises of Refreshments will be welcomed by Mrs. Wright, 22, Redcliffe Road, or Miss Burge, 21, Chaucer Street. Thanks to Miss Richards who has kindly guaranteed the printing. It is proposed to have a Christmas Sale in the Shop during December. Will all members who can make saleable and dainty



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Tuesday, Oct. 4.—Gedling, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 5.—Morley's Cafe, At Home. Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 8 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 6.—Shackleton, 7 p.m.

## West of England.

### BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1345.  
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

Thanks to Miss Decima Moore, who delighted everyone with her charming speech at an At Home held last week. On Monday next the weekly At Home recommence in the Victoria Rooms, Clifton. More paper-sellers are needed; will members come forward and help? Members are reminded of Mr. Pethick Lawrence's visit on October 22, and Mrs. Pankhurst's to Bath on Oct. 27, Exeter, Oct. 28.

Monday, Oct. 3.—At Home, Victoria Rooms. Rev. Ivory Cripps, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5.—Town Hall, Wells. Miss Annie Kenney and Mrs. Troup, 8 p.m.; Devises. Mrs. Mansel and Rev. Geoffrey Hamsey, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6.—At Home, Bath. Rev. Ivory Cripps, 3.30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7.—Exeter, Victoria Hall. Rev. Ivory Cripps, 7.30 p.m.

### BATH.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton.  
Shop—12, Walcott Street, Bath.

The shop promises to be a great success. More helpers are needed, and those who have no time for active work are urged to show their sympathy by subscriptions. Thanks to Miss Strangways, of Shapwick, Somerset, for donation of 5s. towards shop-opening expenses. The next important event will be the Jubilee Hall meeting on October 20, when Mr. Pethick Lawrence will explain how the vote will improve women's wages, and Mrs. Pankhurst at the Guildhall on October 27 at 3.30 p.m. Tickets are selling well for Lady Constance Lytton's meeting at the Guildhall on the 29th. Weekly meetings are being arranged during October and November.

Thursday, Oct. 6.—Saw Close, Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m.

### CORNWALL.

Hon. Secs.: Miss Fowell, Rosalind, Penzance; Miss Edith Williams, Glasheen, Devonport, N.S.O.

Will all members and sympathisers in the neighbourhood come to meet Miss M. Brackenbury at Truro on Friday next, if possible? Other meetings in Cornwall, including Falmouth and Newquay, will be announced next week.

Thursday, Oct. 4.—Devonport. Public Rooms. Miss M. Brackenbury, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7.—Truro. Municipal Buildings. Miss M. Brackenbury, 3.15 p.m.

### EXETER.

Meetings will be held weekly at Victoria Hall, commencing Friday, October 7. On Friday, October 28, Mrs. Pankhurst will speak at the Barnfield Hall; further particulars next week. Members or sympathisers wishing for further information should write to Miss Annie Kenney, 37, Queen's Rd., Clifton.

### NORTH WALES.

Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett, B.Sc., East Lynne, Upper Bangor.

A successful drawing-room meeting, kindly arranged by Mrs. Hudson Williams at her home, was addressed by Mrs. Brailsford, on September 16, and on Thursday, September 22, Mrs. Price White invited a number of Liberal women to her home, and Miss Barrett spoke to them chiefly on the Conciliation Bill and the need for independent action among women. The speech was followed by a very interesting and animated discussion,

which continued "over the tea cups." The district shows a great deal of interest in Votes for Women.

### PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser—Miss C. E. L. Marsh, 21, King Street, Southampton.

Portsmouth members are to be congratulated on keeping up the paper sales during the organiser's absence. Miss Peacock, Mrs. Seymour, and Mrs. and Miss Whitehead did very well outside the Town Hall before a meeting on Tuesday. At a successful open-air meeting addressed by Mrs. Blake and Miss Peacock, a man in the crowd shouted: "We are all with you." In Southampton a meeting is being arranged for one of the leaders. Full particulars next week. The organiser hopes all members will make a point of attending the open-air meetings, and helping in every possible way. Paper-sellers and collectors are badly needed. Contributions to the jumble sale, and subscriptions for the Campaign Fund will be gladly received by Miss Marsh, whose address after October 4 will be 7, Cranewater Avenue, Portsmouth.

Friday, Sept. 30.—Southampton, Dock Gate, 1.30 p.m.; Asylum Green, 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1.—Southampton, Kingsland Square, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3.—Portsmouth, Fratton Bridge, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6.—Southampton, Floating Bridge Road, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7.—Southampton, Asylum Green, 7.30 p.m.

### WILTS.

Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney, 57, Queen's Road, Clifton.

Hon. Sec. (per term)—Miss F. G. Sainsbury, Belle Vue Villa, Devizes.

Members are asked to note change of Secretary owing to the regretful resignation of Miss Davies. Help is urgently required for Devizes; also paper-sellers and stewards for the meeting. All intending helpers should communicate with the Secretary at once. Paper-sellers could do good work on Thursday (market day). Wednesday, Oct. 5.—Devizes, Corn Exchange, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12.—Calne, Town Hall, 7.30 p.m.

## Eastern Counties

### IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop Sec.—Miss King.

Shop—44, Prince Street, Ipswich.

The course of five lectures on "Great Women" will be held at Broad View, Constitution Hill, Ipswich, on Monday afternoons, at 3 p.m., during October, thanks to Miss Margaret Plon. Miss Douglas Smith will give the first lecture on the "Life of Charlotte Brontë." The organiser hopes every member will come herself and bring a friend, so that the opening lecture on Monday next may be an unequalled success. In view of Mrs. Pankhurst's visit on November 2, drawing-room and other meetings are being arranged by the kindness of Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Cullingham, Mrs. King, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Riley, and Mrs. Norman. The first At Home will take place on Saturday, October 8, at 3 p.m., by kind invitation of Mrs. Pearce. Morecombe House, when Miss Evelyn Sharp will speak. Members have been devoting special attention to the shop, and are to be congratulated. The blackberry party, arranged by Mrs. Pearce and Miss Plon, was an immense success; and a good supply of blackberry and apple jam at 6d. per pot is now on sale.

Monday, Oct. 3.—First Lecture at Broad View, Constitution Hill, Ipswich. Speaker: Miss Douglas Smith, 3 p.m.

## North-Eastern Counties.

### BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 68, Mansingham Lane, Bradford.

The shop is now re-opened for the winter, thanks to the splendid energy of members, headed by Miss Millar

Wilson, and Mrs. Child. Having made a good start, it has got to be lived up to. Members are asked to bring as many friends as possible to the Midland Hotel, to meet Mrs. Pethick Lawrence on Wednesday next, and to give her a thoroughly warm welcome. Public evening At Home will be held during the winter on alternate Wednesdays, beginning on Oct. 13, at the Friends Meeting House, at which Dr. Helena Jones will speak. Members are asked to make a special effort to bring outsiders. Tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting in St. George's Hall, on Sunday, Nov. 7, will shortly be ready. Prices: 1s. (stalls), 6d., and 3d. (seats), and gallery will be free to working women. Everything promises well for a thoroughly effective winter's work.

Wednesday, Oct. 5.—Midland Hotel, Bradford. At Home. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 3 to 5 p.m. At Home. Mrs. Beldon. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 8 to 10 p.m.; members only.

### HARROGATE.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Bertha H. Graham, 14, Cornwall Road.

Mrs. Cecil Chapman very kindly gave a most interesting speech at last Friday's meeting, which was very successful.

Friday, Sept. 30.—The Stray. Miss Mary Phillips, Miss Bertha Graham, Miss B. Knowles Foster, 3 p.m.

### ILKLEY.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 19, Trafalgar Road.

Members and friends are looking forward to Tuesday's meeting as the culmination of a very successful autumn campaign in Ilkley. More helpers are still wanted, but the many spontaneous offers of help the organiser has received have greatly gladdened her heart, and she feels that many friends for the cause have been made.

Tuesday, Oct. 4.—King's Hall. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss J. Millar Wilson, 8 p.m.

### NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—71, Blackett Street.

Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 239, Westgate Road.

There was a good rally of members and friends at the Wednesday At Home, to hear Dr. Alice Burn, who had been in recent communication with Lady Stout, and had interesting correspondence to read relating to women's work in New Zealand. Encouraging meetings have also been held during the week at Jarrow, and Durham. On Saturday propaganda work was done at Ryton. Will those who have second-hand books for the Bazaar, please send them to 71, Blackett Street, on or before October 9. All goods—except books—sent in should be marked.

Saturday, Oct. 1.—South Shields.

Tuesday, Oct. 4.—Newbiggin. Co-operative Hall, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss A. Williams, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5.—77, Blackett Street. At Homes, 3 to 5 and 7.30 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6.—Eldon Cottage, Eldon Place, At Home, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Annie Williams. Hostess, Madame Marie Bellas, 5 to 6 p.m.

### SCARBOROUGH.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Suffield, 23, Barwick Street.

Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

A day of brilliant sunshine added to the success of the out-door meeting on Saturday afternoon. The evening meeting was also an excellent one, the darkness lending courage to many questioners; one man declared he had never enjoyed a meeting so much in his life; it was his first Suffrage one and he came "again" and was now "all for it." Members are busy selling sweets, home-made jams, etc., for the coming sale (probably the first week in November). Thanks to a Harrogate lady (a member of the National U.W.S.S. and an ardent Liberal) for some very handsome work. This is an example others might follow. The weekly sewing meetings are starting again at 7, The Valley.

Saturday, Oct. 1.—Esplanade. Mrs. Suffield, Mrs. Brindley, 3 p.m. Aquarium Top, Mrs. Brindley, Dr. Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

### SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 43, Marlborough Road, Sheffield. Tel.: Broomhill 449.

The cake and candy sale and concert will take place at 45, Marlborough Road, on October 3, at 7.30. The tickets, 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d., for Lady Constance Lytton's meeting on October 26, are now on sale. The chair will be taken by Mrs. Green, and Mrs. Scudfield will also speak. The first weekly At Home will be held on November 17. It is hoped to secure a hall in the town for the At Homes, as 45, Marlborough Road is not central enough.

### YORK.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Condit, 55, Manthorpe Road. Hon. Treas.—Miss Violet Key-Jones, Hawthorne Lodge, Bishopthorpe.

An At Home is being arranged to take place early in October, particulars of which will be announced next week.

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Thousands of people assembled in the Market Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Sunday afternoon last, and listened to the speeches delivered from three plat-

forms. At each platform the resolution was passed by a large majority. In connection with the Southport Exhibition meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon at the office, 3 to 5 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Next Friday, October 7, a series of weekly meetings will commence in the Ouseburn Hall, Deansgate, 8 to 10 p.m. A splendid rally of members and friends, both old and new, is looked for. Friday, Sept. 30.—Whitefield, Moss Lane, 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4.—Didsbury, Post Office, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5.—Manchester, 184, Oxford Road, At Home. Thursday, Oct. 6.—Fallowfield, Mosley Road, 7.30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7.—Deansgate, Onward Hall, At Home, 8 p.m.

## LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.

Office—23, Berry Street. Tel. 3761 Royal.

Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman.

The winter season re-opened with a members' meeting at the office, on Tuesday, September 22. There was a large muster to talk over plans for the next few months. The work of preparing for the exhibition is now getting into full swing. Miss Geraldine Lyster has undertaken to supply goods and entirely manage the Suffragette "Hoop La" game. A 1s. competition is another of the attractions of the Liverpool stall, and a secretary is needed for this. Those wishing to enter should send in their names and the name of the article they intend to make to the Exhibition Secretary, 23, Berry Street, Liverpool. The goods for this stall need not be sent till November. Mrs. Pankhurst will speak at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Birkenhead, on October 18, at 8 p.m., and again at the Assembly Rooms, New B. Lighton, on October 19. Will members living in those districts keep a few days free before the meeting for chalking and bill distributing? Stewards will also be wanted. They should send in their names at once. At the open-air meetings much interest is being shown at the announcements of Mrs. Pankhurst's meetings. Members are reminded to visit the shop before making purchases elsewhere.

Saturday, Oct. 1.—New Brighton Beach. Miss Flatman, Miss Corson, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4.—Liverpool, 23, Berry Street. Members' meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6.—Birkenhead Park Gates. Miss Flatman, Miss Corson, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7.—Birkenhead, Grange Road. Miss Flatman, 8 p.m.

## PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Highy, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydre, Lytham.

On Thursday, October 13, Miss Amy Mayor will give a pianoforte recital at her own home, Home Croft, Ashton-on-Ribble, in aid of the local funds. As this will not be advertised in the local paper, members are asked to let all their friends and acquaintances know, and bring as many as possible. The price of admission, 6d., will be collected at the door.

Monday, October 3.—Sewing meeting from 3 to 5 p.m.

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The organiser is particularly anxious that members and friends should attend in full force at tomorrow's At Home, as future arrangements will be discussed and decided on. With two large and important meetings ahead, will workers kindly make a point of putting in an appearance? A café chantant is being arranged for Tuesday, October 18. Many ladies have already promised to organise it, and as a cake and candy sale will be one of its attractions, will all members please canvas their friends for contributions. There will also be a sale of goods left over from the exhibition. A very good meeting was held at the Botanic Gardens on Wednesday evening, when Miss Ellison Gibb made a most effective chairman. Gratefully acknowledged:—Anon. 22, Miss Fisher 3s., Mr. R. Grant 2s. 6d. (per Dr. Mabel Jones).

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Excellent open-air meetings have been held during the week at Dunbar, Prestons (for miners), and Cardenden, as well as the Wednesday afternoon one at The Mound. Votes for Women were sold at Aberlady to golfers, and a meeting held in the tiny village. The shop looked its best on Thursday evening, with banners decorating its newly-painted walls, where Miss H. Login presided, and Mrs. Waddell's thoughtful and moving address on "Woman" aroused the audience to a fuller conception of "Woman and her Sphere." Meetings for "shoppers" on Saturday mornings at 12, and on Wednesday at 5.30, should reach "Antis" who avoid halls "in case of being converted!" Members should keep the following dates in their minds and tell their friends: Jumble Sale, Oct. 15 (Jumbles now received); Mr. Drailford, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.; Oddfellows' Hall; Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Nov. 4, Music Hall, 8 p.m. Members gathered at the station to see Mrs. Pankhurst on her way South, and to wish her as good luck in Ireland as in the Highlands.

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**THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.**

Last week was spent in preparation for the Church Congress Campaign at Cambridge, where a Committee Room (10, Rmmanuel Street) is open daily under the charge of Miss Susan Burnett; outdoor meetings are held under the direction of Miss F. M. Canning. Successful meetings were held in Bath on September 19, i.e., a drawing-room meeting (hostess, Mrs. Long), and a public meeting in Holy Trinity Church Room; chairman, Rev. E. G. Whitaker; speakers on both occasions, Miss Maude Roydon and Rev. C. Hinchliff. Tickets for the At Home at Stelway Hall, October 26, 8 p.m.; speaker, Miss Olive Christian Malvery (Mrs. Archibald Mackirdy), can be obtained from the C.L.W.S. Offices, 11, S. Mark's Crescent, N.W.; price 1s. 6d. and 1s. Work will begin in Warwickshire in November. As these campaigns involve very heavy expenditure funds are urgently needed, and those interested in the development of the League are requested to do their utmost to help in this direction.

October 4.—Clergy Conference, 11, S. Mark's Crescent, N.W., 4 p.m.

October 11.—Hove Town Hall. Chairman, Rev. V. Boyle; speakers, Mrs. Nevinson, Rev. C. Hinchliff; 8 p.m.

October 15.—Inauguration of the Greenwich and Lewisham Branch.

October 20.—Anerley Town Hall, Lady Constance Lytton, 8 p.m.

October 26.—Steinway Hall, Miss Olive Christian Malvery, 8 p.m.

**THE "MORNING LEADER" COMPETITION.**

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It is expected that Mrs. Fankhurst in her first visit to Ireland will achieve success as brilliant as was hers recently during her trip to the United States. She has undergone imprisonment on various occasions, and is, in very truth, the heart and brain of the militant movement.

—*Freeman's Journal.*

**SUFFRAGE FAIR.**

A Suffrage Fair will be held at 1, Pembroke Cottages, Kensington, on October 21 and 22. Tickets, 6d. each, can be had from members of the Suffrage Atelier, and of the Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., and at the two London Free Meetings, Queen's Hall on Monday afternoons, and Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, E.C., on Thursday evenings.

**ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.**

To-day (Friday), September 30, a debate takes place at Bedford Street Studios, Strand, at 3 p.m. Subject, "That the granting of Votes to Women will be beneficial to the Nation and the Empire." Mrs. Madeline Lucette Ryley will take the affirmative and Miss Inez Bensusan the negative. Chair: Miss Maud Hoffman. Open only to members of the League and their friends of the theatrical and musical profession. It is hoped that many will take part in the debate and so begin to accustom themselves to speaking. They will thus enable the League to further assist other Suffrage societies by providing speakers, and also to extend its own activities.

**LECTURE BY MRS. DESPARD.**

Our readers will be interested in hearing that Mrs. Despard is to lecture on "Philosophy and the Woman's Question," at Clifford's Inn Hall, on Tuesday next, October 4, at 8 o'clock. The meeting is free, and all friends and sympathisers will be heartily welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Exelby wish to return sincere thanks to all members of the W.S.P.U. who have so kindly sympathised with them in the loss of their beloved daughter, who though a young member of the Union was a most ardent and devoted worker for the betterment of the cause she loved so well.

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